

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A sheet feeding method for an image forming apparatus, comprising:

supplying a special sheet and an ordinary sheet on a manual sheet supply tray, wherein the special sheet is stiffer and smaller in size than the ordinary sheet;

aligning, by way of aligning rollers, leading edges of the special sheet and the ordinary sheet supplied in the supplying step, to convey in ~~[[the]]~~ an image forming direction;

controlling and guiding the special sheet, by way of a singular sheet guide provided between the manual sheet supply tray and the aligning rollers, the singular sheet guide having special sheet ribs to control both sides of the special sheet for guiding the ordinary sheet by passing the ordinary sheet on upper surfaces of the special sheet ribs, the singular sheet guide further having a pressing member provided between the special sheet ribs; and

preventing the bending of the central portion of the ordinary sheet by pressing the back of the central portion of the ordinary sheet with elastic force by way of the pressing member, wherein the pressing member descends and descending by an empty weight of the special sheet when the special sheet is inserted between the special sheet ribs.

14. (New) The sheet feeding method for an image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the manual sheet supply unit supplies the special sheet and the ordinary sheet in a horizontal direction, and the conveying member conveys the special sheet and the ordinary sheet in a vertical direction.

15. (New) The sheet feeding method for an image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the pressing member is made of a polyester film.

16. (New) The sheet feeding method for an image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the special sheet is a postcard.